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1. SENIOR REVIEW GROUP MET NOVEMBER 29 IN FINAL STAGE OF

NSSM 243, MAAG REQUIREMENTS STUDY, PROCESS. PRIMARY ATTENTION WAS DEVOTED TO FUTURE OF MILITARY GROUPS IN LATIN AMERICA. SRG AGREED TO RETAIN "MILITARY GROUP" AS A DESIGNATION FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR UNIQUE CHARACTER AND REPRESENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES. PERSONNEL NUMBERS SHOULD BE PARED TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM ESSENTIAL FOR OPERATIONS.

2. GROUP ALSO AGREED TO SEEK LEGISLATION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONNEL FOR UNITS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 515(B)(2) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, AS AMENDED, FROM 3 MEMBERS TO 6 PERSONNEL.

3. BEFORE TAKING FINAL ACTION ON THESE MATTERS, IT WAS AGREED TO SEEK YOUR VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY, IN HOST GOVERNMENT EYES, OF RETENTION OF MILGROUP IN YOUR COUNTRY.

4. FOR LIMA, BOGOTA, CARACAS, AND FOUR CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES: IN VIEW OF FOREGOING DECISIONS, WOULD IT BE

POSSIBLE TO REDUCE MILITARY STAFFING FOR YOUR MILITARY GROUPS TO A 6-MEMBER LEVEL EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1977? IF NOT, WHAT IS MINIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONNEL THAT YOU REQUIRE FOR EFFICIENT OPERATIONS?

5. FOR SANTIAGO, SANTO DOMINGO, AND QUITO: WE HAVE ON RECORD YOUR PREFERENCE FOR 3-MEMBER UNITS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE IN YOUR VIEW.

6. FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN: SRG AGREEMENT REQUIRES REVISIONS IN OUR PLANNING FOR MILGROUPS. WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON APPROPRIATE MILITARY STAFFING LEVELS IN ADDRESSEE POSTS.

7. RESPONSES SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 2. ROBINSON

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